



TOWN OF MINTO

DATE: October 25th, 2016
REPORT TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Matthew Lubbers, Recreation Services Manager
SUBJECT: Recreation Agreements

STRATEGIC PLAN:

7.5 Encourage existing groups to increase use of Town facilities and attractions through youth subsidies, cost effective application of non-prime time rates, and joint marketing of tournaments and events.

BACKGROUND:

The Town has numerous by-law agreements in place with certain users of Town-owned facilities. These by-laws are accompanied by schedules that outline the details of the provisions that the Town is prepared to grant to the users. Six of these agreements recently have or will soon be expiring and need to be renewed. A new agreement with the Harriston Lawn Bowling Club is also being proposed.

COMMENTS:

The six existing agreements that are being updated for three-year terms involve the:

1. Harriston Curling Club
2. Palmerston Curling Club
3. Mapleton-Minto 81's
4. Minto Broomball Tournament Promoters
5. Norwell District Secondary School
6. Clifford Vitality Group



Harriston Curling Club
est. 1875



The agreements with the curling clubs are similar with no changes from the previous identical agreements. Monthly rent of the curling areas will continue to increase by 2% or the October CPI, whichever is less, on an annual basis. The Clubs have exclusive use of these areas during the ice season; the Town takes care of them during the off-season.

The agreements with the 81's and broomball tournament promoters are similar with no changes from the previous identical agreements. The hourly ice rental rate plan for the upcoming three ice seasons is reflected in these agreements. Both parties use the ice surface as well as the auditorium for their games and tournaments.

The agreement with Norwell District Secondary School now includes a provision for the fee to be charged for the instructional classes, where a credit can be earned by students, which the school is now offering.

The Clifford Vitality Group agreement is unchanged with respect to their coffee hour and card parties that take place on a regular basis at the Clifford Hall.

The Harriston Lawn Bowling agreement outlines the terms for which the club is permitted to use the greens and clubhouse now that the Town is the owner of the property. It is similar in nature to existing agreements the Town has with the Drew Community Board and the Palmerston Lions Club. The three-year agreement would commence January 1st, 2017.

At the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting on October 24th, 2016, a motion was made endorsing these agreements.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Excluding the curling clubs, the other four agreements that are being renewed contain provisions for facility rental cost reductions based on the quantity, timing and nature of the bookings. These reductions to the 81's and broomball tournament promoters are more than offset by the economic spinoff generated from their events. Norwell District Secondary School and the Clifford Vitality Group primarily use non-prime times and provide a benefit to students and older adults.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council receives the Recreation Services Manager's October 25th, 2016 report regarding Recreation Agreements and that by-laws be considered in regular Council to approve the agreements.

Matthew Lubbers, Recreation Services Manager